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Albertans plan to curb holiday spending

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Nineteen-year-old Dez Imbery-Steward is worried she won't be able to afford many Christmas gifts for her toddler son this season.

The single mother has always made the holiday special for her two-year-old, but with no job and few prospects, Steward will have to cut back on spending.

"I have been looking like crazy for something so I can afford things like Christmas gifts," she said.

"But (businesses) are looking for people who have either more experience than I do or who can work full-time. I also have to take care of my son."

Steward expects she will be cutting her costs by at least half this season.

The funds she does have will go towards her only child, while family and friends will get holiday cards.

She is not alone.

More than half of Albertans will be curtailing Christmas spending this year and one in four are not buying gifts at all, according to the new monthly RBC Canadian Consumer Outlook Index, launched last week.

The report, which measures Canadians' perception of current economic conditions compared to three months ago, found 51 per cent of Albertans will make fewer holiday purchases this year compared to last year, while 23 per cent plan to forgo gifts altogether.

The reason?
One in three Albertans or 36 per cent are experiencing job anxiety - the highest level in the country. British Columbia and Ontario follow behind with 29 per cent.

These numbers follow a Statistics Canada report that 106 per cent more people were unemployed last October compared to a year ago.

"I think shopping has been put on pause because so much has been going on - unemployment, weather, H1N1. People are hesitating about spending and I don't blame them," said Jennifer Dahl, owner of Gorgeous Gifts and Home Décor.

She started her store on 19th Avenue last year and shoppers remained steady, while this year sales are sporadic and unpredictable.

"I think though, that as Christmas approaches and things don't seem as bad...they will spend."

Cheryl Sword, owner of White Raven boutique agrees.

The media is always all gloom and doom but it isn't always reflected in actual sales, she said.

Last year, during the beginning of the recession, reports said people wouldn't spend much for Christmas. As a result stores threw out "ridiculous" sales to encourage shoppers, Sword said.

"It was unfortunate...we actually had good retail sales last season," she said.

"It's hard to put out a prediction but...we did well last year and this year...we are supposed to be on the upswing."



'TIS THE SEASON - Ross Ford Elementary students, William Morrish, Caden Miller and Jack Holdstock sing and act along with Christmas carols. The young students are spending several mornings a week singing in the lead up to Christmas.

Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Town could charge for dog park

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Residents could face higher licensing fees for their dogs if councillors vote in favour of an off leash dog park.

The suggestion of a "nominal" cost increase was put forward in a survey last month, as a way to fetch funds for maintaining a pooch park.

Town council believes dog owners should help pay for staff mowing the lawn and making sure people pick up after their pets.

"The simplest way to implement (user fees) would be to increase dog licensing fees...and the survey shows people wouldn't mind that," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Sixty-five per cent of respondents said they were prepared to help offset costs, while 35 per cent spoke against it.

"I have no interest in using this park, so why should I, as a dog owner, have to pay?" said Cindy Crawford, a Didsbury resident.

"If fees increase, I can see people not (licensing their dogs). I will think about not doing it."

Polls were mailed in 1,800 utility bills last October and posted online to gauge interest in an off leash park.

Of the 1,800 mail-outs, 161 came back to the town office, while 113 were filled out online.

The results show that 33 per cent of people are against a pooch park, with the main reason being that funding should be used on more important initiatives.

Sixty-seven per cent are in favour of creating a canine common and gave the highest votes to placing it either northwest of Valarosa or on the hillside east of Memorial Park.

Rhea McMane filled out the survey in favour of the park and doesn't mind paying additional licensing fees to get it.

The survey said it would only be a small increase from the current \$10 paid in January or the \$15 and \$30 fee charged the rest of the year.

"It's worth it. This park is long overdue," McMane said.

"I just wish they'd offer better locations with something more central. I don't want to walk my dog down to Valarosa and I am sure residents in Valarosa don't want a bunch of people trooping down there."

Councillors saw the results of the survey for the first time last Tuesday. They had asked for a poll last summer but administration wasn't able to design it until early this fall.

Decisions about whether to build the park will come in the new year with further discussion on it January 12.

Whatever the result, a mathematician from the University of Calgary said council shouldn't put too much stock in this survey. It is not representative of the general public.

"This is a volunteer survey...respondents are people who are strongly for or strongly against the topic, so it ends up representing those 100 or 200 people rather than the whole population," said Jim Stallard, professor in the mathematics and statistics department at the University of Calgary.

He points out council should have made an effort to find out just how many dog owners filled out the survey.

There were 939 canines licensed this year.

As well the poll should have been a random sample of 50 or 100 people instead of blanketing the population with online and mail surveys. Picking people randomly ensures accuracy, he said.

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Athlete honoured to carry Olympic torch

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Three words come to mind for nine-year-old Teagan Christianson and her siblings when they think of their mom bearing the Olympic torch.

Cool. Very cool.

"We got to see mom with the torch...and we held it before she (ran) and it was all smooth," she said.

Her sister, five-year-old Stacy gives a toothy grin and leans forward in her chair, "my favourite part was when mommy lighted the torch with someone else."

The four siblings were present in Bedeque, P.E.I. November 23, to watch their mom, Remi Christianson, 44, run her leg of the epic cross-Canada torch relay.

She is one of 12,000 select Canadians to carry the symbolic flame, which began its journey in Victoria on October 30.

It arrived on the red soil of Prince Edward Island on November 21 and hit several landmarks as it

made its way across the province, including Anne of Green Gables' house in Cavendish and the Confederation Bridge.

Chinese speed skater and five-time Olympic medalist, Yang Yang, and Olympian Heather Moyse carried the flame towards Bedeque, where Didsbury athlete, Christianson picked it up.

"It was such an honour. I got off this bus with my torch and everybody was waiting and cheering me on. Cameras were flashing and people wanted to take pictures with me...it was so different from what I'm used to," she said.

"The best part was seeing my family there...they were excited about it. My smile was big and so was theirs. This was an experience that will probably never happen again."

Carrying the flame in P.E.I. wasn't Christianson's first choice. She had hoped for one of the 73 Albertan communities on the route when she applied to be one of the 4,500 torch-

bearers picked by Coca-Cola.

Though this brought her back to her hometown, where friends and family could watch her run.

On November 23, 17 torchbearers from provinces like Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, lined up for their 300-metre stretch. Christianson was the very last to run in the relay.

"It was over very fast, like three minutes," she said.

"But I can still remember the sound of the Olympic flame lighting onto my torch. It was pretty special...at that time you are the only one holding this Olympic symbol."

Christianson, surrounded by the R.C.M.P. on all sides, completed her stint and put her flame in a hurricane lantern. It was driven away to the next town, Kinkora.

"This was pretty major, especially being sports minded," she said.

Christianson competed in the Canada Games for women's field hockey and



Submitted
Remi Christianson carried the Olympic torch in P.E.I. as her children, Ben, 11, Teagan, 9, Julie, 8 and Stacy, 5 watched from the sidelines.

tried out for the national team. She was close, but not close enough, she said.

In the next month, another Coca-Cola pick

will be carrying the flame.

Didsbury resident Harley Dickinson, 60, will help bring the torch from Kelowna to Osoyoos on

January 25.

The Royal Bank of Canada and VANOC, the Olympic organizing committee picked the remaining 7,500 candidates.

Didsbury bylaw officer gets tough on traffic

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Didsbury's peace officer is done with warnings. Beginning this month, Derek Sutherland is levying

ing fines to any driver who swings into a stall from the opposite side of the street.

The penalty is \$172. "It's illegal and it's causing accidents in our downtown core," Sutherland said.

"My predecessor and I have done education about it, we've done warnings...now is the time to start laying charges."

The peace officer used to hand out tickets of illegal U-turns to people who

crossed the solid line to park, with a fine of \$115.

The charges flopped when challenged in court last month, after the Crown pointed out people weren't actually making a complete 180-degree turn. As a result, Sutherland will instead ticket for disobeying a traffic control device, a penalty of \$172.

He also plans to hand out tickets more frequently to break drivers of the habit.

"People have brought it

to my attention that this needs to be addressed so it will be," he said.

"Our downtown is relatively tame because people just putt through, but when we do get an accident, it's usually because people are crossing the solid line to park."

Drivers backing out of a parking space on 20th Street usually look south, not north, because traffic is only supposed to come one way. So when someone decides to swing in

from the north, the two vehicles can collide.

Sutherland has also asked Alberta's Solicitor General to consider amending the Traffic Safety Act to include a specific offence for swinging into a space from the wrong side of the road.

"This is not only an issue here, I have seen it in Olds, Sundre and Drumheller. Unfortunately no one has written it into the Traffic Safety Act yet."

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School deli could close

Didsbury High struggles to find funding

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The breakfast and lunch program at the Dragon's Deli Café could wrap up next year if administrators fail to find funding.

Katey Diamond, 16, has her fingers crossed that won't happen.

"I can't even imagine not having a cafeteria in our school...we get work experience there and the food is really good."

Diamond works her lunch hours at the Didsbury High School deli, serving up salads and stir-fry to hungry students. The experience looks great on her resume, she said.

For the last four years, students have been able to work and eat at the small cafeteria.

Breakfast - a toast or bagel - is by donation and geared towards giving students a healthy morning start, while lunches are \$5.

When the cafeteria first opened, it was hoped the outfit would make enough money from lunch sales to be self-sustaining, but with a declining student body it had to turn to school revenue.

Not anymore.

The school is faced with its own budget problems.

Alberta offers approximately \$4,500 for each student enrolled in a full course load, so with enrolment down 10 per cent since 2006, the school has lost thousands.

Administrators have also been told to expect targeted cuts by the province next year.

"There could be cuts in 2010/2011, so the government told us to reduce our deficit...that means cutting back on financing some things," said principal Garth

Dagg.

The deli is not the only service changing. Sport teams are now expected to be self-sufficient, with the money for transportation and tournaments coming out of athletes' pockets. The school also no longer funds transport for field trips.

"It's unfortunate...but we have to keep money as close to students as possible and let go of things that have the least effect on students and teachers," Dagg said.

"I can't even imagine not having a cafeteria in our school...we get work experience there and the food is really good."

KATEY DIAMOND
Student

get nothing we will shut the doors to the kitchen, Feb 1."

And that would be a shame, said student Cody Edinger, 15.

"The food is amazing, I would miss the taco salad, ginger beef and pizza," he said.

"I actually think a lot of people would miss it, especially in the winter. It gets really busy then."

The lunch and breakfast program is still considered valuable to school employees, who will be trying to draw funds from corporate sponsors and service clubs to keep it going. It needs \$20,000, which will go towards paying the cook's annual wage. Students largely cover the cost of food.

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The report also says average prices are expected to improve in 65 per cent of markets as economic performance picks up.

Eighty-three per cent of markets are expecting sales to increase over 2009 levels while housing values are predicted to rise in 91 per cent of Canadian centres in 2010. The remaining markets are predicted to match 2009 levels.

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Opinion

Commentary Expand seizure law

DAN SINGLETON

A new provincial law that allows police and the courts to take away the ill-gotten gains of criminals has brought in more than \$11 million worth of property in its first year of operation.

Under the Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act, real estate, cars, cash and other items have been taken out of the hands of crooks and placed at the disposal of groups that compensate identifiable victims and organizations that support victims.

The change is good news for law-abiding Albertans and bad news for organized crime.

The law allows the Civil Forfeiture Office to ask the court to seize property acquired illegally, as well as property used to carry out illegal acts.

For example, the courts have been able to seize vehicles used by drug dealers and traffickers - to date, 59 vehicles tied to the drug trade have been removed from Alberta communities, including 43 in Edmonton.

The Stelmach government should be applauded for this new law, which promises to make life a lot tougher for criminals already in Alberta and those thinking of setting up shop here.

Now the provincial government should take the new policy one step further, expanding it to include drunk drivers.

If the police were allowed to seize and sell the vehicles of people convicted of driving drunk, it would create a very large deterrent to anyone considering getting behind the wheel while impaired. That, in turn, would make everyone safer.

And, of course, with thousands and thousands of drunk driving convictions every year it could also generate a financial windfall of the first order for organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Letter to the editor Registry useless

(Re: Editorial "Gun law debate far from over" by Dan Singleton, 17 Nov. 2009).

First of all it is important that people are aware that Bill C-391 only covers the elimination of the long-gun registry, the restricted (handgun) registry would remain intact.

Mr. Singleton asks: "Why haven't they (Conservatives) tabled a government sponsored bill - as opposed to a private member's bill - calling for the registry to be abolished?" Answer: Because with a government sponsored bill all MPs must vote the party line and by doing so the bill would have been defeated.

With a private member's bill, the Conservative, Liberal and NDP parties allow their MPs to vote as they please and subsequently the bill passed, indicating that more MPs support the abolishment of the long-gun registry than those who do not. Also keep in mind that the Bloc was not allowed a free vote on this issue and they voted against the bill.

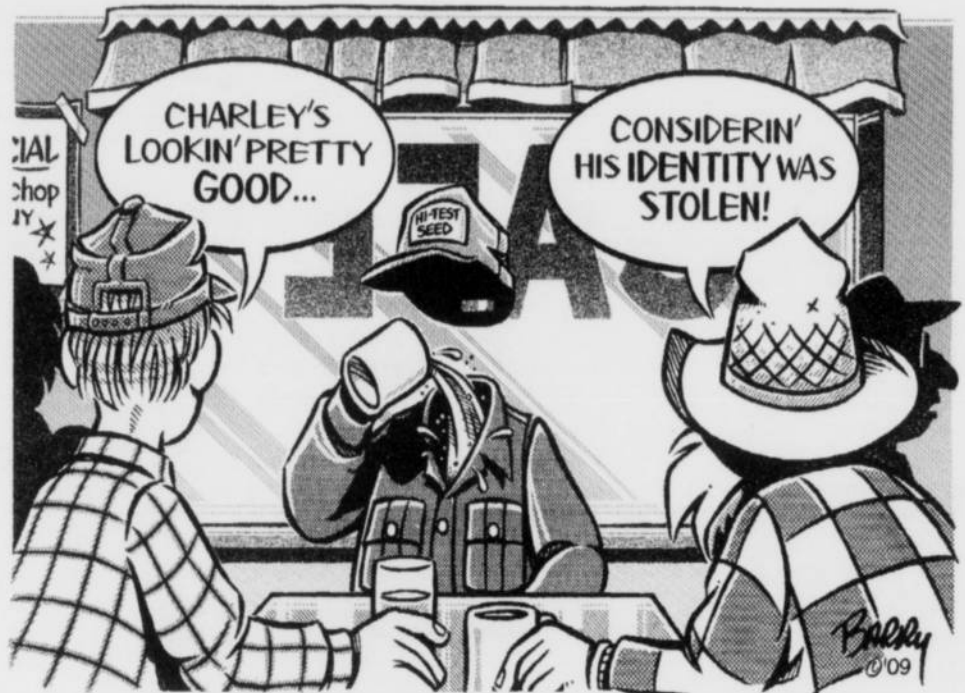
Mr. Singleton also asks the question: "What exactly do they plan to do to replace the registry so the police will be able to access gun possession information they need when responding to dangerous situations such as domestic violence calls?" Answer: Every legal gun owner in Canada must have a Possession and Acquisition Licence (P.A.L.). The police only have to check to see if the person of interest has been issued a P.A.L. and, if so, then it is almost 100 per cent certain that, that person has access to firearms. The police do not need a long-gun registry to obtain that information.

Anti-gun people are always stating that the police make upwards of 9,000 hits per day on the gun registry, therefore we must need it. However, the vast majority of queries made by the police whether it is just for a phone number or an address, will automatically register as a hit on the gun registry, even though no gun registry information was specifically requested. This of course results in providing the anti-gun group with false statistics.

My personal position on this matter is that the useless long-gun registry be abolished and that the funding go directly to front line policing.

God bless the Canadian Forces serving in Afghanistan.

- Captain Lloyd W. Saunders, CD, Canadian Military Police (Retired), Imisfail.



Commentary A Christmas wish for Canadian taxpayers

KEVIN GAUDET

Christmas season is upon us and people all over Canada are sending Santa their wish lists. We in The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) released our wish list recently. We asked the government for a deficit action plan to balance the budget over three years. This would be a gift to taxpayers that would keep on giving as it would head off inevitable tax hikes that will be forced upon Canadians if our federal debt grows to record levels as planned.

Canada's federal debt has once again climbed past the \$500 billion mark. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, Canada's total public indebtedness has surpassed \$1.1 trillion; ranking 22nd out of the 30 OECD countries for total public per capita indebtedness.

With ramped up spending on so-called 'stimulus' programs in 2009-10, the federal deficit is projected to be a record \$55.9 billion, or \$1,651 per Canadian. By 2014-15 another \$170 billion is projected to be added to the debt burden. This new debt alone will cost \$10,228 per taxpayer.

Fortunately, the federal government has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. Fortunate because it's fairly easy to fix. Program spending has skyrocketed by almost 60 per cent in only six years. This overspending is unsustainable and must be reined in. Given how much the government has spent in the last decade, if increased government spending created jobs, every Canadian would have two.

The federal government projects that in 2014-15 it will continue to run deficits. Prime Minister Harper has stated he will neither raise taxes nor reduce spending in an effort to balance the budget. His approach only gets it half right, taxes need not rise. However, this do-nothing approach will saddle the nation with deficits in perpetuity. The Parliamentary

Budget Office (PBO) projects that by 2013-14 the deficit will still be as high as \$19 billion and that action will be required to balance the budget.

Without any real plan to rein in spending, these structural deficits will remain a plague on the nation's finances. A proactive plan to beat back the tide of red ink is needed, or else Canada may soon face a crisis as it did in the early 1990s.

It is for this reason that the CTF is calling on the federal government to implement a deficit action plan to balance the budget over three years.

The CTF's Deficit Action Plan would reduce spending modestly; by only 10 per cent from current levels, returning it to 2008-09 levels. This would amount to a net \$28 billion reduction over three years. Reductions would come from the following areas: ending one-time stimulus spending; ending regional development; eliminating corporate welfare subsidies; a 30 per cent reduction in provincial equalization; a five per cent reduction in most departmental operating budgets; and ending and privatizing some crown corporations.

Aside from these substantive reductions, political leadership also would be required. Politicians must lead by example if they are going to demand that others tighten their belts. To do this they should freeze their MP pay; reduce MP and committee travel and expense budgets; eliminate political subsidies; and, disclose in detail all MPs' office, committee and Parliamentary Associations' spending.

Borrowing money to continue deficit spending will only burden current and future generations and leave lumps of coal through tax hikes instead of presents of tax relief. Balancing the budget can only happen with strong political will in Ottawa. Let's hope Santa leaves some political courage under our MPs' trees this Christmas.

Kevin Gaudet is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

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Leisure Ice			Public Skate 12-4		Closed	Closed	Public 12-4
	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Main Ice	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2 Public 2-4	FREE Shinny 12-2 Public 2-4	Closed		
Leisure Ice	Public 12-4	Public 12-4 7:45-9:00		Public Skate 12-4 7:45-9:00	Closed	Public 12:30-4pm	Public 12:30-4pm Family/ Youth Shinny 4-5

Admission/ Rental Rates

Main Ice Rentals:	\$100/ Hour
Leisure Ice Rentals	\$40/ Hour
Shinny	\$5 Adult \$3 Student
Public Skate	\$3 Adult \$2 Student

TOWN OF DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Administration Office, Planning & Infrastructure & Public Works

December 23 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 24 CLOSED

December 25 CLOSED

December 28 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 31 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 1 CLOSED

Didsbury Neighborhood Place

CLOSED December 23 to January 3, 2009

Didsbury Aquatic Centre & Arena

FRONT DESK (program registration, rentals & information)

December 21-24 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 28-31 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

POOL CLOSED December 17, 2009 to January 2, 2010

Check out the full schedule on the website: www.didsbury.ca

The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy Christmas Season.

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December 2009

Black Bin Green Bin

Sun	Mo	Tu	W	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Rollout Cart Schedule

January 2010

Black Bin Green Bin

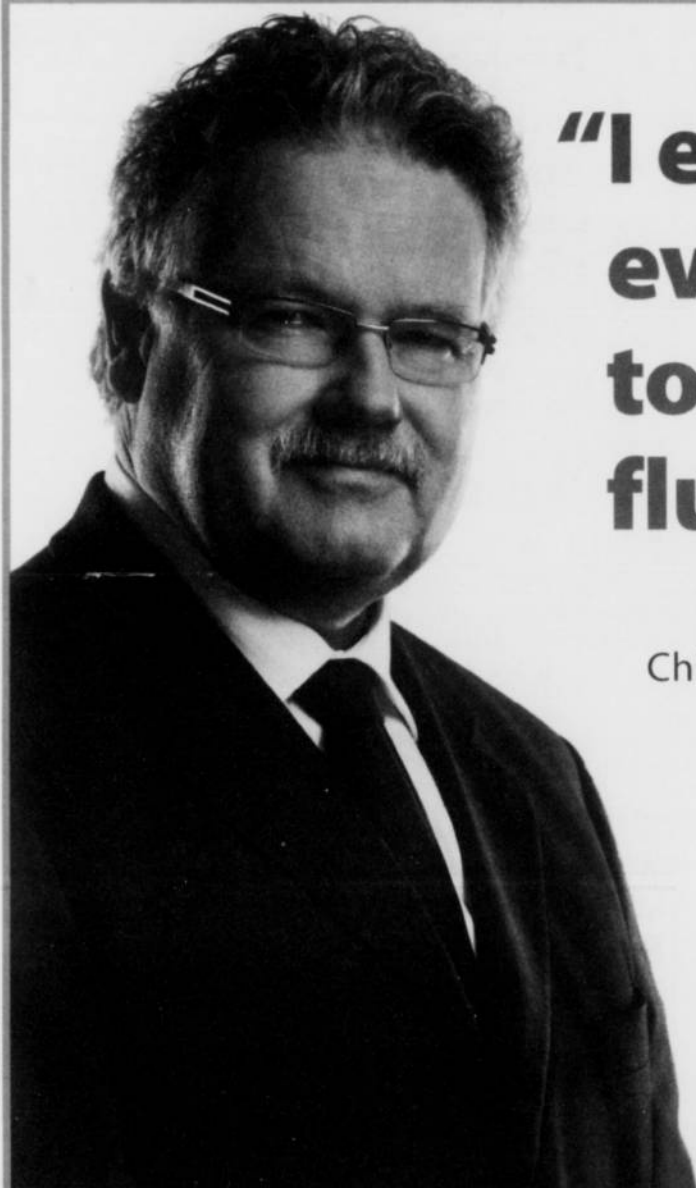
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Holiday Hoops



	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27
Didsbury High School			Drop in Basketball 2-4				
	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3
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Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

A member of the Mountainview Colts sprints in to steal the puck from Airdrie Thunder forward Brandon Esposito. The Colts lost the game Saturday 2-1.

Young Colts maturing

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

It has been a rough start to the Heritage Junior Hockey League season for the Mountainview Colts, but they are turning things around.

The team is now sitting at 3-11-3 after experiencing seven straight losses earlier this season.

Their latest win over the Wheatland Kings Sunday has shot them to fourth in central division standings. It's only a matter of time before they become one of the top teams in the league, the players say.

"We have really picked things up in the last six games ... it's good for these guys to be rewarded on the scoreboard, they've been working hard and I think ... they have done better than we expected for such a young team," said coach Cliff Murphy.

The Colts players have gained their legs, though there is still much for this team to fine tune, including defence, Murphy said.

"We hope that by the second half of the season we are in the playoff

push."

The new additions to the team, forwards Pat Turville and John Midtdal have proved assets in pushing the Colts forward through leading by example and averaging a point each game.

"These guys have been really great for the team," Murphy said.

This month the Colts kicked off a series of six home games with four more on the schedule.

On December 5 they faced Airdrie Thunder, who remains number one in the league with 14 wins under its belt. The Colts lost 2-1.

In Sunday's game against the Strathmore Wheatland Kings, the Colts came out kicking.

In the first period forward Brandon Neufeld from the Kings scored on Colts goalie Devon Dell, giving the visitors a 1-0 lead that the Colts were unable to match until the second period.

They battered the Kings against the boards and hustled the puck away from their end zone. Then two minutes into the period, the team's top scorer,

forward Cody Issler, tied the score heading into the second intermission.

J.R. Defoe followed up with a score in the third period, quickly followed by a goal from Ryan Miller, posting the team to a 3-1 victory.

"We haven't had too many w's this season so this is a huge accomplishment for the guys. We just need to keep our head up and play hard the rest of the season," Defoe said.

"I think teams are underestimating us because our scoreboard doesn't show a lot of wins in the win column, but we work hard or harder than any other team in the league."

Defoe was back in the game after being off with a rib injury for the last 10 matches. He expects with a full lineup, the team could step up the level of play heading into home games against Banff Academy Bears and the Cochrane Generals, December 12 and 13.

The match against the Bears kicks off at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 3:30 against the Generals, Sunday.

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Back Row Left to Right: Rod Bischke, Darron Campbell, Dave Waiting. Middle Row Left to Right: Ella Schindel, Nick Bitzer, Marco Fabro, Trayven Graham, Noah Campbell, Corson Waiting, Grace Kreiser. Front Row Left to Right: William Jensen, Dawson Mailer, Ethan Glass, Jacob Johnston, Nicolas Heinz, Jolin Bischke.

The Didsbury Rambler Novice 2 team is off to a flying start. Hard work and determination have forged them into a tough gritty team that is incredibly difficult to beat. No matter the adversity they dig down deep and find a way to come out on top. This powerhouse is lead by assistant captains #12 Noah Campbell, #7 Ella Schindel and #6 Corson Waiting. Competing dynamo are: #1 Jolin Bischke, #20 Nick Bitzer, #24 Marco Fabro, #27 Ethan Glass, #16 Trayven Graham, #13 Nicolas Heinz, #26 William Jensen, #14 Jacob Johnston, #19 Grace Kreiser, and #11 Dawson Mailer. The team is extremely fortunate to have the head coaching prowess of Darron Campbell and Dave Waiting. Assisting them are Rod Bischke, Jamie Jensen and Barry Kreiser. Our hard-working dedicated managers are Teri Schindel and Laurie Waiting. Come out and watch this talented team light up the ice. You will not be disappointed!

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Call for helpers

The Didsbury Christmas Helpers are calling on locals to help pack hampers for those in need this season.

The program, which began on Dec 1, will be collecting cash, gifts and food until Dec 18. People are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church or donate dollars to the program. Organizers will use the money to buy additional food and meat vouchers.

Gifts can also be given to this season's needy.

Residents can pluck angels off trees at Just the Bakery, Mugs or Victoria Square Mall, so they can buy an appropriate present for a local child. The unwrapped gift with the angel attached should be given to the post office before December 18.

On December 21 at 7 p.m. the public is invited to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to sort items and wrap presents. The following day at 10 a.m. the hampers will be put together and delivered to area residents.

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In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

First of all an apology for the wrong date for the Children's Breakfast with Santa at the Evergreen Centre in Oids. I sure hope no one missed it because of my error.

Fri. Dec. 11

Cribbage play will start at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre, which has been beautifully decorated for the holiday season by the Red Hatters Club. Coffee and goodies are served. Please note: there will be no cribbage on Fri. Dec. 25 or Fri. Jan. 1.

Sat. Dec. 12

Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 is holding a Kids' Christmas Party at the Elks Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - doors open at 12:30 p.m., movie starts at 1 p.m. Santa will visit. Please note - all children 10 years and under must be accompanied by a parent.

Mon. Dec. 14

The Didsbury Lifeline Society meeting will start at 10 a.m. in the town office. If you are interested in having a Lifeline installed, this is the time to get all the details.

The Didsbury Golf Club annual meeting was held recently and following is the executive that will lead the club in 2010: President - Brent Youngs; Vice-President - Dave Blazenko; Secretary - Sue Kary; Treasurer - Dave Scott; Directors - Doug Weigum, Audrey Campbell, Jim Tainsh, Brian Clazie, Vance Van Dam, Chris Dussault and Steve Robertson.

Fri. Dec. 18

The Didsbury Curling Club is having a Christmas potluck and a Skills Competition. This will start at 7 p.m., skills to follow. Open to all to come and have some fun.

Sat. Dec. 19 & Sun. Dec. 20

The Mountainview Colts will play the Three Hills Thrashers in the Didsbury Arena at 8 p.m. On Sun., the game is at 3:30 p.m. against the Okotoks Bisons. The team will appreciate your support.

Tues. Dec. 22

This is games night at the Rosebud Hall starting at 7 p.m. All Didsbury and area residents most welcome.

Thurs. Dec. 31

Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 is having a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., supper is at 7 p.m., dance starts at 9 p.m. with a live band. For tickets call Shelley (403) 335-9213 or Irene (403) 335-4589.

Jan. 4-9, 2010

The Annual Farm and Ranch Spiel is being held at the Didsbury Curling Club. Each team has to have 2 or 3 farmers (men, women or mixed) plus business persons to be drawn. The closing date for entries is Dec. 31, 2009. Phone your entry to Harry Reese (403) 335-3181 or Greg Reese (403) 507-9860.

Wed. Jan. 6, 2010

Connie's Foot Care will be at the 5-0 Club starting at 9 a.m. To make an appointment, please phone 1 (403) 861-7826.

If you would like to quilt, knit, crochet or embroider or other crafts or if you would just like to visit or chat and meet new people, come to the museum the 2nd and 4th Wed. from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting Jan. 13.

Didsbury and Area Christmas Church Services

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

Sun. Dec. 20 - Regular Service at 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

Knox United Church

Mon. Dec. 21 - 7 p.m. "Blue" Christmas

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Family Christmas 7 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Communion 9 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Dec. 19 & Dec. 20 - Live Nativity 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Service at 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 25 - Service at 10:30 a.m.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service 7:30 p.m.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Sun. Dec. 13 - Children's Sunday School Program 10:45 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 21 - Christmas Hamper Wrapping Nite 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 22 - Christmas Hamper Deliveries 10 a.m.

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

Bergthal Mennonite Church

Thurs. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service 11 a.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

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Senior boys have designs on Provincials

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The undefeated junior boys basketball team has made the move to seniors this year with high expectations and designs on provincials.

The young Dragons have played together for the last four years becoming unbeatable for league-play in the last two. They came in second for zones in 2008 and won zones by 40 points in 2009.

"This is a close-knit group of players who keep getting better...there's no doubt about that," said Coach Jeff Johnson.

He's coached them from the start, hot-housing talent for this year's senior season.

It will be the first time his team will have a chance at provincials and the group is both excited and confident they'll get the opportunity to compete.

"This is a young team, most of them are in Grade 11, so I'm sure there'll be some bumps along the way, but it's possible we could do well in zones this year and move on to provincials," Johnson said.

Playing provincials will give the team the lay of the courts for the following season, when they will host the Alberta championships. They plan to secure top title in the 2011 game.

"Hosting it gives us an automatic berth into provincials, although I expect we would have won our way in there anyways," said Johnson.

This weekend and a year before 2011 provincials, the young Dragons will practice as hosts for the senior boys' and girls' tournament, December 11 and 12.

Johnson will be relying on offensive contribution from post James Lefebvre and point and shooting guard Keifer Paulgaard.

Forward Tyson Newton is also a strong presence at the offensive end, but is out with an injury for the season start.

Stock will also be put in post Nathan Tucker, Mark Dueck and forward Braden Overwater to provide solid defense against advancing teams from St. Joseph High School, Hugh Sutherland and Bears paw Christian.

There is one returning veteran, point guard Nolan McInnis, who will be taking on a co-captain position with Keifer Paulgaard this season.

"Yeah, we are definitely ready for this," he said of the tournament.

"We have some good competitive teams coming that will help us out with our season; show us where we stack up compared to everyone else and what we need to work on," McInnis said.

The only disadvantage to this team could be the youth of the senior rookies, but if they are as talented as they're supposed to be, it'll be a challenge soon surpassed, he said.

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Concerts tune up

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

School bands are ringing in the season with a series of Christmas concerts this month, including a performance at Didsbury High School.

"This is one of our biggest events of the year...people can hear all the hard work we put into our music," said Natasha Chapman, who plays clarinet in one of five bands featured in the DHS concert.

Residents can attend the annual performance, tea and silent auction by donation December 13 at 2 p.m. The money raised goes towards helping students tour with the band next spring.

"This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We usually make over

\$4,000," said Kirk Wassmer, music director at Didsbury High School.

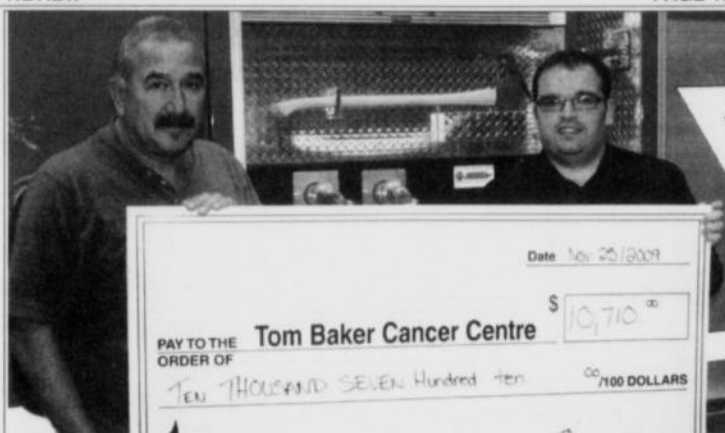
"And it's a great time. The music is professional and we've decorated the gym so it has the feel of a Christmas concert."

Five groups will be playing to a crowd this Sunday, including two concert bands and three jazz bands.

The jazz players intend to feature the latest skills learned in Jazzfest 2009, which took part last month.

"We've probably spent 50 hours getting ready for (the concert)...this is something we work towards," Chapman said.

Christmas music can also be heard at 7 p.m., December 10 at Westglen Middle School and December 17 at 7 p.m. at Ross Ford Elementary.



CASH FOR CANCER - Didsbury's volunteer fire department hands over \$10,710 made through a head-shave fundraiser last October. Rick Mousseau poses with Jason Lyver from the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

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Helen May Archer, (nee Weir) Feb.7 1907-Nov.25 2009

Helen May Archer, known to all as 'May', went home to be with the Lord, Nov. 25th, 1:15 pm, at the age of 102 years, in the Sundre Hospital, Sundre, Alberta.

May was born to Jack and Annie Weir on February 7, 1907, near Bowden, Alberta. She was the only daughter and eldest of four children. May attended public school in Olds, Alberta. Later she graduated from normal school in Calgary. She taught for only 2 years before she met Maxwell Eby Archer, a young farmer from east of Didsbury. Max and May were married on December 4th, 1927. Three sons and one daughter were born to them. Jack, (Marion), Paul (Florence), Willard (Elsie), and Helen. Gerry Madoche Atkin later became a part of the family. May took much delight in her nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and nine great great grandchildren.

May was predeceased by her beloved husband, Max, and her middle son, Paul Murray, as well as Paul's wife, Florence. May was blessed with a keen intellect. She was well read and scholarly, with a phenomenal memory. Her many interests included missions, world events, traveling and politics. She liked to listen to "Question Period" and parliamentary debates. She had definite opinions about every issue and she maintained this interest to the end. She always expressed herself eloquently and well. May was a follower of Jesus Christ. She was a staunch Christian and a member of the Mountain View Missionary Church. She served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher and as secretary treasurer of the church, during her years there. In 1989, nearly nine years after Max died, she moved away from the farm, into her new house in Sundre. One of May's greatest pleasures was her garden. Growing green things was both a science and a passion to her. Inside the home, she nurtured literally hundreds of species of African violets. May continued living in her own home in Sundre until she broke her hip a few weeks ago.

As May's children, we want to offer heartfelt thanks to Dr. Michelle Warren, who went out of her way to make many home visits. We are so grateful to the kind staff of Sundre Hospital, where our mother spent her last days, and to Val Sarsons, who gave Mother such tender care in her own home for the past five years.

May's ashes were buried with her husband, Max, on Dec 1st in the Didsbury Cemetery. A Memorial Service was held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury on December 1st, 2009, at 1pm.

Donations can be made in May's honour to the 'Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada-World Partners.' Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610



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130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church Community Banquet

Saturday, December 19
 6:30 pm

Lone Pine Hall

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150. Birthdays/Anniversaries 150. Birthdays/Anniversaries

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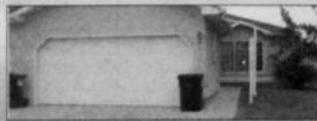
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